

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

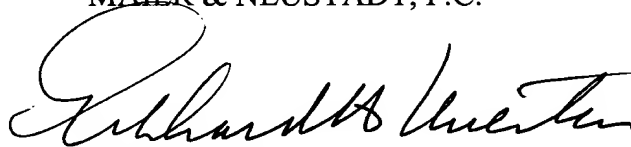
Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-16, 37, and 39 are pending in the present application. No claims have been amended, added or canceled by the present amendment.

In the amendment filed August 16, 2004, Applicants indicated an English translation of the claimed foreign priority document JP 11/94340 would be filed to overcome the rejection of claims as anticipated by Kaneko. Accordingly, enclosed is the English translation.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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